

UTAH RADIATION CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE UTAH RADIATION CONTROL BOARD MEETING, September 5, 2003, Department of Environmental Quality (Bldg. #2), Conf. Room 101, 168 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen S. Langley, M.S., Chair
Stephen T. Nelson, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Dianne R. Nielson, Ph.D., Dir. of DEQ
William J. Sinclair, M.S.E.H., Executive Secretary
Kent J. Bradford, P.G.
Thomas K. Chism, M.S.
Linda M. Kruse, M.S.
Gregory G. Oman, D.D.S., B.S.
Robert S. Pattison, B.Sc.
John W. Thomson, M.D.
Gene D. White, Commissioner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Rod O. Julander, Ph.D.
Gary L. Edwards, M.S.

DRC STAFF/OTHER DEQ MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Jones, DRC Staff
John Hultquist, DRC Staff
Bill Craig, DRC Staff
Yoli Shropshire, DRC Staff
Fred Nelson, Att., Office of Attorney General
Laura Lockhart, Att., Office of Attorney General

PUBLIC

Sarah Fields, Sierra Club, Glen Canyon Group
Bill Love, Sierra Club
David Frydenlund, IUSA
Ron Berg, IUC
Kathy Van Dame, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
Jason Groenwald, FAIR/HEAL Utah
Reva Servos, Public
Bill Servos, Public
Patrick Thomas, Adamson & Associates
Tye Rogers, Envirocare of Utah

GREETINGS/MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Utah Radiation Control Board convened in the DEQ Building #2, Room 101, 168 North 1950 West, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Karen Langley, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Karen welcomed all members and public attending the meeting. Mrs. Langley stated to those present that if they wished to address any items on the agenda to indicate it on the public sheet as they signed-in. Those desiring to comment would be given a chance to address their concerns before the end of the Board Meeting.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Board action item)

a. Approval of August 1, 2003 Minutes

Karen Langley, Chair, asked for any corrections to the minutes of August 1, 2003, from the Board Members. She offered corrections to the minutes as follows:

1. Page 4, Item IV.a., seventh paragraph, third sentence which reads, "To get to **100 cost** recovery, it would necessitate . . ." **Change to read:** "To get to **100%** cost recovery, it would necessitate . . ."
2. Page 6., Item V. c., paragraph following number #4, which reads "License Condition #22 was amended to **required** . . ." **Change to read:** "License Condition #22 was amended to **require** . . ."

Kent Bradford made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2003, with the corrections, seconded by Thomas Chism.

CARRIED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

II. RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSING/INSPECTION

No items

IV. X-RAY REGISTRATION/INSPECTION (Board information/potential action item)

a. X-Ray Registration/Inspection fees discussion before the Board – Craig Jones

Craig Jones said that at the August Board Meeting he was asked to inform the Board about possible changes to the fees for registration and inspection of X-ray systems. Craig also mentioned that the public may have some interest in this item and he said that there was a possibility that this discussion could become a potential action item.

Craig said that he had distributed information to the Board and he called the Board's attention to a memorandum dated August 7, 2003. He said that the objective of the proposal was: To determine how fees for this program may be changed so that the costs are funded 100% by fees.

Craig informed the Board that DRC Staff assembled fee information from 35 state radiation control programs. He said that a spreadsheet, prepared by the Illinois Radiation Control Program, was attached and he pointed out that the attachment

specifically listed the percent of the X-ray program costs that were funded by fees.

Craig then summarized the information provided with the memorandum to the Board. He specifically described the changes needed to meet the objective and then he asked for comments from the Board about the impacts if the change in fees went into effect.

Gregory Oman, DDS said he felt that the increase of \$22.00 more from the \$24.00, for a total of \$46.00 a tube, would not cause dentists to see much of a change. He wanted to know how and where the money was going to be utilized. Dr. Oman said that he did not want to see an increase and he said that his colleagues would ask, "What am I going to get with this additional increase of money?"

Dianne Nielson commented that the Legislature would look at the comments on this issue by the Board members and take it all into consideration. She said that one concern was that the Division of Radiation Control might lose some staff members if there were no increase. She also pointed out that the Legislature could decide to use the monies deposited into the General Fund for programs such as the Education Program. Dianne said that the Legislature would look at all the issues of concern before making their decision this upcoming session in 2004. Discussion continued about the program elements that could be affected if the increase did not occur.

Dianne Nielson said that the reason the Board was asked to consider this subject was because a Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee, that oversees DEQ's budget, had asked her to report to them at the next session what the impacts would be and what scenarios they might look at if they were going to cover the General Fund cost or the General Fund Appropriation with user fees from the X-ray registration and inspection program. She said that she had captured the Board member's comments. She also noted that, when the legislative session begins next year, the Appropriations Subcommittee is often interested in hearing from Board members. Dr. Nielson said that the Board, the Dental Association, or the Hospital Association might decide to provide some comments. She thanked the Board members for their comments and she said that she valued the input they had provided during the meeting.

V. RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL

No items

VI. URANIUM MILL TAILINGS UPDATE

a. Amended Agreement update (Board information item)

Attached you will find the Executive Secretary's comments on this item. Bill Sinclair read a "Statement of The Executive Secretary."

(See Attachment)

b. Request by Sarah Fields of July 28, 2003 for Board action regarding Policy Guidance for Uranium Mills

Attached you will find a reporter's transcription of the discussion. Kathy H. Morgan, a Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Utah, took the transcription.

(See Attachment)

The Board took no action on this item.

VII. Other Department Issues (Board information item)

a. Radon Public Service Announcement – John Hultquist

John Hultquist gave a summary about how this video was produced. He said that he had provided a radon test device to an individual who was testing her home for radon. John found out that the homeowner worked for Candlelight Media. She told John that she was interested in doing a Public Service Announcement (PSA) about radon. In March 2003, they started to prepare a video.

Candlelight Media Group put the video together for the DRC. He said that a lot of time was donated in order to produce this 30-second PSA. John pointed out that the video would run from September 15 through October 12, 2003, primarily in the mornings and afternoons. The video is targeted for "stay at home moms." John did not have any specific times, but Channel 4, will inform the DEQ when they will run the commercial. After October 12th, Channel 4 will provide DEQ with the actual times and dates they ran the PSA. The video will air a minimum of forty times from September 15th through October 12th and it may be shown as many as 50 times.

John then presented the video to the Board and the public.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No items

IX. OTHER ISSUES

a. Next Board Meeting – October 3, 2003, 9:00 a.m., Moab Arts and Recreation Center, 111 E 100 North, Moab, UT

Bill Sinclair informed the Board members that the next meeting would be held in Moab, Utah at the above address. He explained that the travel options include van, airplane or driving a personal vehicle. The vans are scheduled to leave from the Department of Environmental Quality (Bldg. #2) around 3:30 pm on October 2, 2003. Bill said that Yoli would be sending information by e-mail to the Board members concerning all the details on this trip.

The Board meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.